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McCone Is Tapped For Top CIA Spot

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NEWPORT, R.I. — (AP) — President Kennedy chose Republican John A. McCone, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Wednesday as the new director of the nation's highly secret Central Intelligence Agency.

The President called a special meeting with newsmen to announce the appointment of the wealthy West Coast businessman and shipbuilder to the \$21,000-a-year job.

Kennedy introduced McCone and the man he is succeeding, Allen R. Dulles, as two who have made personal sacrifices to serve their country.

Both said they regarded service to the nation a privilege.

McCone and Dulles flew from Washington to nearby Quonset Point Naval Air Station and shuttled by helicopter to Hammersmith Farm, where the President is spending a week's vacation with his family.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said the final decision to appoint McCone was made Wednesday morning. The two visitors met for half

an hour on the patio outside the farmhouse before going by boat to the Naval War College auditorium for the announcement.

McCone is to join Dulles in

the CIA in about two weeks, and is to take over when Dulles returns in November.

After the doomed Cuban invasion attempt last spring, the CIA was criticized for its intelligence-training role, but Kennedy did nothing to make Dulles the scapegoat.

Kennedy did start intensive surveys of the nation's intelligence capabilities. The administration reportedly has studied proposals that the CIA's functions be split so that undercover operations are directed separately from spying and more public methods of collecting security information.

The President, however, has not announced any overhauling change in the intelligence set-up.

McCone is 59, Dulles 68. Dulles also is a Republican.

Kennedy, announcing McCone's appointment, praised Dulles as a man who has a record "almost unique if not unique in the history of this country."

"He has served under eight presidents of the United States, beginning with President Wilson in World War I — presidents of different parties . . .

"I know of no man who is more courageous, selfless

public servant than Mr. Allen Dulles," the President said.

McCone headed AEC during the final three years of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration. Previously he was under-secretary of the Air Force for more than a year in the Truman administration.

During World War II, McCone headed the California

Shipbuilding Corp. which nearly 500 ships. Since then also has been the builder operator of a tanker fleet.

Dulles is a brother of late John Foster Dulles, secretary of state in the Eisenhower administration. Like brother, he practices law in New York between periods of government service dating to when he was a young man.

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